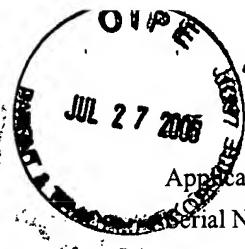


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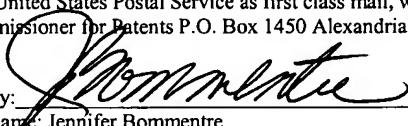


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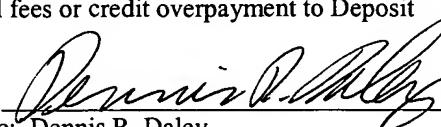
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on June 7, 2005. Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections are requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.